

## Peace United Church of Christ



### Worship Resources for the Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

#### Welcome

#### Opening Hymn      “Nearer My God to Thee”

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee!  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

There in my Father's home, safe and at rest,  
There in my Savior's love, perfectly blest;  
Age after age to be, nearer my God to Thee.  
Nearer, my God, to Thee, Nearer to Thee!

#### Prayer of Invocation

*For this time of worship and connection,  
we give you thanks, God.  
Forgive us for the times we distance our selves from you and one another,  
losing our way and feeling lost.  
Strengthen the ties that bind our hearts in love this day,  
that we may share in the work of discipleship  
with courage and conviction.  
Amen*

#### Scripture Reading

Philippians 4: 1-9

Matthew 22: 1-14

## **Meditation**

### **Prayers of the People/The Prayer of Our Savior (debts and debtors)**

#### **Closing Hymn "God, Whose Almighty Word"**

God, whose almighty word Chaos and darkness heard  
And took their flight:

Hear us, we humble pray, And where the Gospel day  
Sheds not its glorious ray, Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love, Life giving, holy dove,  
Speed forth your flight;  
Move on the water's face, Bearing the lamp of grace,  
And in earth's darkest place Let there be light!

#### **Benediction & Sending Forth**